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E.O. 11652: XGDS 3, 4
TAGS: PLOS, CM
SUBJECT: LOS: FURTHER ENGO COMMENTS

REF: (A) STATE 3412 (B) YAOUNDE 1016

1. REFTEL A NOT RECEIVED UNTIL MARCH 8 AND ON 7TH AT SOCIAL
FUNCTION IN COMPANY OF VISITING SWISS AMBASSADOR AND SPANISH
CHARGE OCCASION OCCURRED FOR DCM TO HAVE GENERAL CONVERSATION
WITH ENGO ON LOS MATTERS.

2. ENGO DID NOT RPT NOT GO OVER ANY TERRITORY COVERED REFTEL
B. HOWEVER, HE DID OBSERVE THAT HE PERSONALLY GOING GROUP OF 77
MEETING GENEVA LEAVING CAMEROON ON 17TH. HE OBSERVED THAT GROUP
ORIGINALLY WANTED TWO WEEK MEETING, BUT HE HAD INSISTED IT BE
LIMITED TO ONLY ONE WEEK. CONTRARY HIS USUSAL PRACTICE OF
SKIPPING THESE SESSIONS, HE FELT IT SUFFICIENTLY IMPORTANT FOR
HIM TO BE PRESENT. ONE WEEK LIMIT HE FELT NECESSARY IN ORDER
KEEP MEETINGS TO POINT AND NOT BOG DOWN IN ENDLESS WRANGLING.
ENGO SAID THAT LATINS WOULD BE TOLD BY AFRICANS AND ASIANS THAT
AN ASIAN WOULD BE LOS PRESIDENT, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT
AMERGASINGHE PERMITTED TO REMAIN. HE SAID LATIN AMERICANS
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WOULD JUST HAVE TO ACCEPT THIS AND GET BACK IN LINE.

4. IN SO FAR AS PROGNOSTICATIONS FOR UPCOMING SESSION, ENGO
SAID HE THOUGHT IF FAIRLY CLEAR THAT EVERYONE WANTED AN
AGREEMENT AND IT REMAINED TO BE SEEN IF ONE COULD BE WORKED
OUT: HE PERSONALLY THOUGHT SO. HE SAID THAT THE QUOTE SILENT
MAJORITY UNQUOTE WOULD START TAKING A MORE ACTIVE PART. HE

ALSO MADE SOME OBSERVATIONS ON HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON. ENGO SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY LIKED AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON AND, IN SPITE OF ENGO'S BEING CONSTANTLY BAITED BY THE PRESS, HE HOPED THAT THEY COULD CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER.

5. ON THE GOOD NEWS SIDE, DCM ALSO SAW HENRY FOSSUNG, NEWLY APPOINTED DEPUTY DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS. FOSSUNG, WHO HAS MOVED UP FROM DESK OFFICER FOR SPECIALIZED U.N. AGENCIES AND FORMERLY SERVED U.N., SAID HE ACCOMPANING ENGO TO GENEVA. HE IS ACTIVE PARTICIPANT OUR USIS PROGRAMS, REGULARLY ATTENDING LECTURES (LAST ONE SANFORD UNGER OF FOREIGN POLICY MAGAZINE) AND FILMS (ROOTS). WHILE AS CAMEROONIAN NATIONALIST, HE SOMETIMES A LITTLE PRICKLY ON VITAL CAMEROON ISSUES, HE ENJOYS INTELLECTUAL DISCUSSIONS OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND ADMIRES "U.S. STRENGTH ACHIEVED THROUGH DIVERSE CULTURES." HE VERY WILLING LISTEN U.S. POSITION AND GO TO BAT FOR US WHEN HE THINKS WE ARE RIGHT. HE HAS STUCK HIS NECK OUT FOR U.S. ON A COUPLE OF OCCASIONS IN UNESCO AND ILO MEETINGS, NOTABLY HE GOT CAMEROON, AS ONE OF FIVE BLACK AFRICAN STATES, TO SUPPORT U.S. ON ISRAEL ISSUE AT JUNE 76 ILO MEETINGS. HANDLED CAREFULLY, FOSSUNG COULD BE A VERY VALUABLE ASSET, THOUGH IT MAY BE TOUGH TO HAVE READY ACCESS TO HIM SINCE ENGO HIS SENIOR AND PROTOCOL CONSCIOUS. IN OTHER WORDS, TOO WARM AND PUBLIC U.S. EMBARACE COULD PREJUDICE HIS POSITION NOT ONLY AT GENEVA, BUT
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WHEN HE RETURNS YAOUNDE.

6 ENGO AND FOSSUNG ONLY LOS DELEGATES FROM CAMEROON.
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